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lights go off. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, Mr. President, I'll speak for the DeCamp motion and speak against the Shirley motion...Shirley Marsh's motion. It is my feeling that if we put Driver Education in the State Department of Education that it will become a mandatory subject and only those who take and pass will be able to get a Driver's Education. According to LB 24, before they are...what is it, 18 years of age, so if you are thinking of making it mandatory that my child before he can graduate has to take Driver's Education, then I definitely am against it and I certainly am for what Senator DeCamp puts out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I merely rise to support Senator Marsh and to make one observation relative to Senator Keyes. For his information, the State Department of Education now is in complete control of certification and all we are attempting to do here with those people who are instructors in Driver's Ed is to increase their qualifications and their ability to properly instruct in the business of Driver's Education. It is there now and I am sure that no one would lose their license, Senator DeCamp, for behind the wheel driving instruction.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I have no vested interest in the bill and I am surprised at the debate that has taken place. It is simply a matter of policy and I rise to suggest to you endorsements and certification are a part of the responsibility of the State Board of Education, in terms of qualifications for history teacher, government teacher, physical education teacher. This is probably the only area where we have specifically mandated qualifications for instructors in statute. I think as a matter of policy that is a bad position for us to be in, in terms of trying to determine certification and endorsement. I wouldn't live or die on the bill. I am just surprised that you do not want to put that all together in determining what the qualifications are for teaching a particular subject, since that is one of the charges of the State Department of Education and the issue is not germane to whether or not they do it well or not. It is just a system that we have used and I think we would to be consistent with them. So I support Senator Marsh and would oppose Senator DeCamp's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members, very briefly, I would like to thank Senator Shirley Marsh for giving us an opportunity to, at least, go home over the weekend and visit with some of the Boards of Education and review again the problems that they might have on this subject. There is no question in my mind. We have some very, very good Driver Education classes going out and they are doing a good job when they are going out into the rural area. I am speaking particularly from the rural area because I visited with four different education board members of different schools. Those classes are good. The